Year	Number of cases' filed in courts	Number of cases in which accused were acquitted
2000	29,117	2,275
2001	28,242	1,251
2002	24,793	429

(c) The acquittal reports received from the Courts are examined at length and if it is noticed that there was any lapse on the part of the investigating officer, he is sutably punished. As regards inducement to the investigating officer on winning a case or securing conviction, the investigating officer concerned is suitably rewarded.

(d) No, Sir.

Unified command force for naxal infested States

836. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have mooted the proposal of forming an unified command force for all the naxal infested States;

(b) whether Government have offered to post National Security Guards for Chief Ministers of above States; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI):(a)No,Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Amount spent on flood relief measures

837. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial amount of money had to be spent during current year on flood relief measures in the flood affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of money paid to next of kin of those killed by floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) Forty per cent of the land mass of the country is prone to floods. During the current year, the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal reported floods of varying magnitude during the South-West Monsoon period-2003. The Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) allocations to these States for the year 2003-04 are Rs. 1591.31 crore of which the Central Share is Rs. 1193.49 crore. These States have utilized funds out of the corpus of CRF for undertaking flood relief measures. In addition, an amount of Rs. 104.43 crore has been released from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the State of Orissa. The requests of the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karanataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh for financial assistance from NCCF are under process.

(c) As per the preliminary reports received from the State Governments, 1992 human lives lost in the floods of 2003. As per the norms, the next of the kin of those killed in floods are required to be paid Rs. 50,000/- in each case. The distribution of relief jncluding ex-gratia is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Declaration of floods in Assam as National Calamity

838. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Assam requested the Central Government to declare the floods which ravaged the State in the Monsoon this year as a National Calamity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the specific assistance given to the Government of Assam to deal with the serious situation arising out of the devastating floods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of Assam had requested the Central Government to declare the floods and erosion problem in Assam as a national problem.